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Annual meeting of the State Engineer with the Spanish Fork River Water Users, held in the Memorial Building.

Donald E. Norseth, Engineer in charge of Distribution of State Waters, called the meeting to order. He gave a report of changes in personnel and organization in the State Engineers Office, he said Mr. Wayne E. Criddle had retired as State Engineer and that Hubert C. Lambert was now the State Engineer. On the water outlook Mr. Norseth said it was varied with some areas of the south reporting 200% of normal, Ogden area 295% and some other areas as low as 70%. He then turned the meeting to Mr. Leo H. Banks Chairman of the Spanish Fork River Joint Committee.

Mr. Banks called for the reading of the minutes of the last annual meeting, held January 14, 1965.

Minutes were read by secretary Ronald C. Nielsen. Approved with one correction.

Mr. Banks then called for the financial report which was read by Richard Fenton. Motion by R.D. Gardner that financial report be accepted as read, seconded by Rex Hiatt, motion carried.

Next order of business was a report of the Spanish Fork River Commissioner Lynn Mendenhall. His report is as follows:

The total water drawn from storage from the Strawberry reservoir in 1965 was 38,150 acre feet.

The net inflow over evaporation into the Strawberry reservoir for the irrigation season 1965 was 91,790 acre feet.

At the end of the year 1965 there was 112,730 acre feet of active storage in the Strawberry reservoir, this is 53,230 acre feet more than at the close of 1964.

The yield from Currant Creek feeder canal for the 1965 season was 5,527.2 acre feet, this is 1,071.8 acre feet more than the yield for 1964.

Results of the snow survey made on December 30, 1965 are as follows:

East Portal Strawberry Pasture

snow 27.0 inches

1943-62 15 year average

Water content 4.3 inches

Water content 4.1 inches

East Portal Strawberry Divide

Snow 41.0 inches

1943-62 year average

Water Content 6.3 inches

Water Content 7.6 inches

Upon a motion by Wendell LaBaron, seconded by Mark Huff the River Commissioners report was accepted as read.

The proposed budget for 1966 was read by Mr. Nielsen.

Motion by Snell Olsen that the budget be accepted and that the assessment be set at \$6,000.00 seconded by R.D. Gardner, motion carried.

Mr. Mendenhall made a request for permission to buy a new type writer.

Snell Olsen made a motion, seconded by Wendell LaBaron that approval be given to the River Commission to buy a new type writer, motion carried.

R. E. Huber moved that money be transferred from item 3 to item 6 to make the purchase of the type writer. Seconded by John Huff, motion carried.

Mr. Frank Reese from the State Engineers Office said that in the past a permit for a new well cost \$10.00 and a transfer of a old existing right, and which is a better right cost \$30.00, now the cost is the same and that the cost of permits is based on the size of the well and the amount of water.

He talked briefly on the work of rejudication, which has to be done before Central Utah Water comes in and said the work could move much faster if they could set up a office in Provo.

Motion by Arthur Pindley, seconded by Snell Olsen that Lynn Mendenhall be recommended for River Commissioner and Orla Stewart be recommended for Deputy Commissioner, motion carried.

Mr. Lambert, State Engineer said that Lynn Mendenhall would be appointed River Commissioner and that Orla Stewart would be appointed Deputy Commissioner. for the 1966 season. He said he appreciated the work they did.

Snell Olsen said he would like to have a date set to have the monthly report of the River Commissioner in the hands of the irrigation companies. After considerable discussion no action was taken on this matter.

R. E. Huber made a motion , seconded by Wendell LaBaron that the River Commissioners salary raise start April 1, 1966 and the Deputy River Commissioners raise start May 1, 1966 or at the time he starts work in the 1966 season, motion carried.

The following were present at the meeting,

Hubert Lambert, Donald Norseth, Richard Pexton and Frank Reese from the State Engineers Office.

Robert W. Jensen, Utah Water Users Ass'n.

Lynn Mendenhall River Commissioner and Orla Stewart Deputy River Comm.

Rex A. Hiatt, Reuben D. Gardner, Arthur W. Findley, George W. Jex,

Snell Olsen, John D. Huff, Raymond Jensen, Mark Huff, August Swensen, R. E. Huber, Harvey Adams, Leo M. Banks, Wendell LaBaron and Ronald C. Nielsen.

The following is the proposed and accepted budget for 1966:

Budget item	Description of Budget item	Amount approved for 1966
1.	Commissioners Salary	\$ 2,762.50
1-c	Matching Social Security	116.02
1-f	Matching State Retirement	110.50
2	Commissioners Travel Expense	520.00
3	Deputy Commissioners Salary	1,175.00
3-d	Matching Social Security	49.35
3-g	Matching State Retirement	47.00
4	Deputy Commissioners Travel Expense	675.00
5	Bonds and Insurance	50.00
6	Supplies, Equipment and telephone	240.00
7	Annual report( 1965)	100.00
8	Extra Expense if needed	300.00
Total Budget 1966		\$ 6,145.37

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 A.M.

*Ronald C. Nielsen*

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